

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A spray-drying plant, characterized by comprising:
- a) a spray-drying unit; ~~(B)~~
 - b) a downstream fluidized bed; ~~(A)~~ wherein the spray-drying unit is located in a spray tower above the downstream fluidized bed;
 - e) one or more additional spray or atomization nozzles for a liquid media in the spray tower; ~~(C)~~
 - e) a powder metering device; ~~(D)~~ and
 - f) a powder return ~~(9)~~ with a fan ~~(E)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the liquid medium ~~(5)~~, spray air ~~(6)~~, pulverulent material ~~(9)~~ and hot air ~~(4)~~ are combined in the spray-drying unit ~~(B)~~.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spray-drying unit ~~(B)~~ comprises a spray system which consists of a two-component spray nozzle heated by hot water with coaxially arranged powder return and hot-gas surrounding flow.
14. (Currently Amended) The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one or more additional spray or atomization nozzles for liquid media ~~(C)~~ can be installed in the fluidized bed at variable locations.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fluidized bed is followed by a powder metering device ~~(D)~~, which is separated off by a paddle valve ~~(F)~~ and is fed by an overflow ~~(8)~~.
16. **(Currently Amended)** The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein some of the product formed is returned, if desired after comminution, into the spray-drying unit ~~(B)~~ via a fly conveyor, in which a fan ~~(E)~~ serves as conveying element.
17. **(Currently Amended)** The spray-drying plant as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fan ~~(E)~~ simultaneously serves as a comminution unit for the returned powder.
18. **(Canceled)**
19. **(New)** A spray-drying plant, comprising:
a spray-drying unit;
a fluidized bed;
one or more spray or atomization nozzles installed in the fluidized bed at variable locations for a liquid media;
a powder metering device; and
a powder return with a fan.

20. (New) A spray-drying plant, comprising:
- a spray-drying unit;
 - a fluidized bed;
 - one or more spray or atomization nozzles for a liquid media;
 - a powder metering device following the fluidized bed wherein the powder metering device is separated off by a paddle valve and fed by an overflow; and
 - a powder return with a fan.
21. (New) A spray-drying plant, comprising:
- a spray-drying unit;
 - a fluidized bed;
 - one or more spray or atomization nozzles for a liquid media;
 - a powder metering device;
 - a powder return with a fan; and
 - a fly conveyor for returning at least some product, optionally after comminution, to the spray-drying unit wherein the fan serves as a conveying element.
22. (New) A spray-drying plant according to claim 21, wherein the fan simultaneously serves as a comminution unit for the returned powder.
23. (New) The spray-drying plant according to claim 10, wherein the spray-drying plant produces particles of 50-1000 μm .

24. (New) The spray-drying plant according to claim 10, further comprising a filter in the spray tower for filtering gas exiting the spray tower.

25. (New) The spray-drying plant according to claim 10, further comprising a filter for filtering the gas exiting the spray tower.

26. (New) The spray-drying plant according to claim 19, wherein the spray-drying unit is located in a spray tower above the fluidized bed which is downstream.